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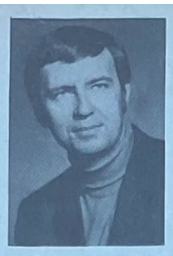

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WITCHES ON THE WARPATH

There are rumbles of intertribal warfare among the advocates of the Old Religion. Last summer, S. Sgt. Joseph B. Wilson, witch, and for many years editor-publisher of the craft publication THE WAXING MOON, testified that he had infiltrated the anti-war movement among American servicemen in Lakenheath, England. The NEW YORK TIMES headlined the piece "Secret Agent Testifies at Captain's Trial" and noted that Sgt. Wilson, a veteran of ten years service in the Air Force, was presenting evidence at the court martial of Capt. Thomas S. Culver.

According to Bernard Weinraub writing in the N.Y. TIMES:

> Sergeant Wilson said he had attended six anti-war meetings of Air Force personnel and then reported the details to the intelligence office....
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> [Wilson also] appeared at the May 31 demonstration with his wife and five children. During the four-hour protest, he took more than 100 photographs. Today he identified Captain Culver in one of the photographs.

Dr. Leo Louis Martello, learning of Wilson's undercover work, saw such action as particularly odious since it came from a witch. In his WICA (Witches International Craft Associates) NEWSLETTER (Suite 1B, 153 West 80 St. New York 10024), Dr. Martello bordered a reproduction of the NY TIMES article in black, headlined a scathing denunciation of Wilson's involvement with the Office of Special Investigation as: "The Death of a Witch... The Birth of a Warlock."

According to Martello: "As an undercover agent for the military establishment, spying on his own air force buddies is the same as a Medieval 'witch' turning in other Crafters to the Inquisition. Most of them did so to save their own skins. Is this true in this case? According to the court testimony Wilson declared: 'There was nothing that compelled me.'...He betrayed his buddies, the Peace Movement, and most of all the Old Religion, whether called Witchcraft or Paganism, which has always been a RELIGION OF THE PEOPLE, NEVER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT. Even the word PAGAN comes from the Latin pagani, meaning 'peasants.'"

Now, as might be expected, associates of Wilson are indicting Martello because of what they consider his hasty action in condemning Wilson without hearing his side of the story. It appears that a bit of feud might develop between Pro-Martello and Pro-Wilson supporters. One always hates to see dissension in anybody's ranks, but it will be interesting to see what develops between our witches on the warpath.

NEW WITCHCRAFT PUBLICATION

For those interested in further news about the Craft, Joe Ferrante advises me that he will begin publication of THE WITCH'S BROOMSTICK (2413 N.W. 47th St., Lawton, Oklahoma 73501) very soon. Joe will be reprinting my "Rosemary's Boo-Boo" chapter from SEX AND SATANISM in an up-coming issue. The chapter delineates some of the differences between the Old Religion (Witchcraft) and Satanism.

Joe is also in the process of stocking The Central Wiccan Archives Library. According to Ferrante: "It will act as a craft-wide archives where several scholars can gather, sort, index and give a multitude of information on traditions, spells, lore and history scattered among all the Wicca....materials so vulnerable to being lost can be kept and referred to by all witches."

ASTROLOGY AS A BELIEF

A recent Newsday feature entitled: "Europe's Growing Host of Astrology Believers" told of the wide new acceptance of astrology among Europeans who "once would have mocked the notion that celestial bodies influence human affairs."

A Parisian business executive was quoted as saying: "You Americans go to psychiatrists. I consult an astrologer. It's healthier, more illuminating and costs less."

France's President Georges Pompidou, the article said, readily confessed at a recent press conference that he followed the prognostications of Madame Soleil, that nation's most renowned astrologer.

A Swiss authority on astrology, Henri Bordaz, commented: "The occult sciences are not necessarily false. They are incomplete--as incomplete as the science of chemistry would be if its development had come to an end in 1650."

Paris university professor Michel Garquelin attributed the astrological revival to three major developments: "The collapse of religious faith, a concurrent loss of confidence in pure reason as a guide to action and the spreading interest, particularly among the young in Oriental mystic cults."

Such an observation is neither new or revelatory to those who follow developments in the field of the paranormal. At the December, 1970, meeting for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Margaret Mead commented that astrology, like psychology, was but another way of looking at

the universe. What did it really matter, she seemed to be asking, whether someone were diagnosed as a manic-depressive or a Taurus with Scorpio rising?

I suppose I have much the same feeling toward astrology. Those who are really "in" to it seem to make it awfully complicated and involved. On the other hand, those who consider themselves parlor experts and daily newspaper horoscope buffs seem to make it too simplistic. I remain a friendly skeptic toward astrology. I have to! I have so many astrologer friends that to be otherwise would be hazardous!

But an editorial in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, GAZETTE made some comments in regard to the Newsday feature that I feel contains some reflections worthy of quotation and examination by those of us interested in any aspect of the fascinating, multi-faceted field of the paranormal.

> It will not escape the thoughtful watcher that among those reasons [downfall of traditional religious faith, loss of confidence in reason, spreading interest in mystic cults] nowhere is the one supreme and overriding reason that would justify the movement's great growth: Namely, that research, investigation and new evidence are showing nowhere that astrology does work as claimed, but how [illegible] why it works as well....The same old 'princi[illegible] Ne[illegible] bel[illegible]ers buy it on the same old foot[illegible] And [illegible]hus, for all its broadened following, astrology still owes its rise to the salient forces and emotions recounted above.
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> [The editorial writer then quotes Prof. Garquelin's charge that "it is now up to scientific experts to apply their techniques to the problem in order to establish the true relationship."]
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> No obligation to pursue this falls on "scientific experts" who see nothing worth pursuing in the whole body of lore and material that astrology has mustered for inspection through the ages, as judged against normal standards for truth, fact and credibility. The obligation to pursue it and come up with more acceptable, convincing explanations, theories, proofs and evidence belongs instead to those who choose to make the claims, do the selling and would like to root astrology in something solider than faith.
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> Elusive, fantastically complex and subtle truths are being mined from many disciplines of life and science every day. So could these, if they indeed lie buried for the mining anywhere.

A charge, I believe, well made; and a commission that each of us might take upon himself. Those of us who present the eternal verities in ever contemporary dress must make the product both as salable and as salient as possible. The responsibility lies upon us, not upon our detractors.

DO UFOS HAVE OUR NUMBER?

I would be interested in any feedback from readers of the NOTEBOOK concerning the following bit of errata.

A young woman in Northeast Iowa reported to this office that she had seen UFOs above her farm on a number of occasions. One day while she was at her housework, she heard deep masculine voices shouting numbers-- 56...24...83, and so on. The several dogs in her kennel began to show signs of nervousness and stress. When her husband returned from work, he told her that she had probably been hearing surveyors at work.

"Surveyors" has a nice rational ring to it, but the young woman told us that she saw no men near the farm home. She did walk some distance from the house to investigate, but she saw no men in the pastures or fields. She seemed to feel that, somehow, the voices were associated with the UFOs she had been seeing. She could not suppo[illegible] but ne[illegible] could her husband support his surveyo[illegible] the[illegible]

Reports from Oklahoma tell of a UFO being sighted in several places with what appear to be "model" numbers imprinted on its side.

Contactees have been reporting UFOnauts with numbers on their chests, leaving strange messages with meaningless, numbered codes.

I would be interested in hearing from any readers who might have additional reports of UFOs and this strange "numbers racket."

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